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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 17, 2007

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Highways and Transportation** recommend that **Senate Bill 36** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed: _____

Gerald Pease

Senator Gerald Pease, Chair

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Committee Vote:

Yes 9, No 0

Fiscal Note Required _____

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	SB0036	Title:	Clarify motor vehicle registration fees
Primary Sponsor:	Cocchiarella, V.	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Include in HB 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>


FISCAL ANALYSIS

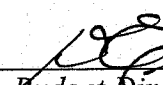
Assumptions:

1. This bill amends 61-3-321, MCA, in accordance with the Attorney General's opinion issued in March, 2006, regarding the proper coordination of amendments to this section resulting from passage of SB 285 and HB 671 by the 2005 Legislature.
2. There is no fiscal impact to the state.

Technical Notes:

1. Section 1 (8)(ii) does not provide for the initial personalized license plate application fee of \$25.00 for those new transactions where the vehicle owner desires to purchase a personalized license plate at the time of the application for permanent registration.


Sponsor's Initials


1/3/07
Date


Budget Director's Initials


12/14/06
Date



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
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Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	SB0185	Title:	Provide for medium speed electric vehicles
Primary Sponsor:	Hawks, Bob	Status:	As Introduced

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FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$5,600	\$11,025	\$10,850	\$10,850
State Special Revenue	\$125	\$125	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>\$5,600</u>	<u>\$11,025</u>	<u>\$10,850</u>	<u>\$10,850</u>

Description of fiscal Impact:

Titling and vehicle registration fees would increase general fund and state special revenues based upon the determination for the vehicle type for the medium-speed electric vehicles.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- Although SB 185 is effective on passage and approval, it is assumed the implementation of this bill would be July 1, 2007, to allow time for changes and testing in the motor vehicle system to record and track the medium-speed electric vehicles.
- SB 185 creates a new vehicle type "Medium-speed electric vehicle". Historically, medium-speed electric vehicles have been referred to as light motor vehicles.
- It is assumed there would be 25 new medium-speed electric vehicles meeting the requirements of this bill that would be titled and registered in FY 2008 and 25 new in FY 2009.
- FY 2008 titling fee revenues are anticipated to increase \$175 for general fund and \$125 for the motor vehicle information technology state special revenue account and light vehicle registration fees of \$5,425

- for the general fund. (Titling Fees: 25 medium-speed electric vehicles x \$12/light vehicle title = \$300 total titling fees distributed \$7 to general fund and \$5 to SSR for each title fee collected) (Light vehicle registration fees: 25 medium-speed electric vehicles x \$217/vehicle = \$5,425 to state general fund)
5. FY 2009 titling fee revenues are anticipated to increase \$175 for general fund and \$125 for the motor vehicle information technology state special revenue account and light vehicle registration fees \$10,850 for the general fund. (Titling Fees: 25 medium-speed electric vehicles x \$12/light vehicle title = \$300 total titling fees distributed \$7 to general fund and \$5 to SSR for each title fee collected) (Light vehicle registration fees: 50 medium-speed electric vehicles x \$217/vehicle = \$10,850 to state general fund – 25 renewals plus 25 new registrations)
 6. FY 2010 and FY 2011 light vehicle registration fees would increase \$10,850 each year for the state general fund. (50 vehicles x \$217 = \$10,850 – for vehicle years 1 – 4)
 7. If these medium-speed electric vehicles are considered as a completely new vehicle type with its own vehicle type, fee codes and fee structures, it is estimated that the impact on the FY 2007 budget would be \$15,600 for programming on the mainframe (240 hours at \$65/hours contractor expenditure).
 8. For the purposes of this fiscal note it is assumed the medium-speed electric vehicles would be considered as a make and model under the light motor vehicle classification in the Legacy motor vehicle application and the changes necessary in the motor vehicle application would be absorbed into the existing budget by adjusting priorities in the department's work plan.

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$5,600	\$11,025	\$10,850	\$10,850
State Special Revenue (02)	\$125	\$125	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$5,725</u>	<u>\$11,150</u>	<u>\$10,850</u>	<u>\$10,850</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$5,600	\$11,025	\$10,850	\$10,850
State Special Revenue (02)	\$125	\$125	\$0	\$0

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

1. The County Option Tax would increase based upon the value of these vehicles.

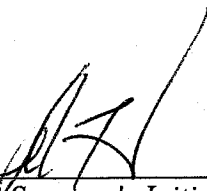
Technical Notes:**Motor Vehicle Division - MVD**

1. If mainframe programming is necessary to create a new vehicle type for the medium-speed electric vehicles with the mainframe motor vehicle application, implementation of this bill would be delayed until the programming is completed.

2. SB 185 does not specify a vehicle type for the medium-speed electric vehicles; therefore the assumption that these vehicles can be considered light motor vehicles may not be correct. This would need to be clarified to determine the record keeping requirements and the titling and registration fees to be collected.
3. This bill is unclear whether the vehicle safety requirements in Title 61, Chapter 9, MCA, would be applied to these medium-speed electric vehicles.

Montana Highway Patrol - MHP

1. The minimum speed for medium speed vehicles may create conflict with 61-8-311, MCA. This conflict stems from the medium speed vehicle having a maximum speed of 35 MPH being allowed to use roadways posted up to 45 MPH.
2. Law enforcement officers would have a difficult time in enforcing the use restrictions on roadways up to 45 MPH based on the above conflict.
3. The MHP is unable to determine a fiscal impact, since the MHP is uncertain that any citations could be issued.
4. No provision is made for the crossing of roadways greater than 45 MPH. This issue has been of concern in other states with wide use of these types of vehicles, and has been found to be a factor in motor vehicle accidents.


Sponsor's Initials


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Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

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Bill #	SB0122	Title:	Establish ethanol education board
Primary Sponsor:	Kitzenberg, S.	Status:	As Introduced

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Expenditures:

State Special Revenue	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
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Revenue:

State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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Description of fiscal Impact:

SB 122 establishes an ethanol and biobased renewable fuels education board made up of seven members. Fiscal impacts are driven by the board's duties to educate Montanans about the benefits, effects, and uses of ethanol and other biofuels as renewable alternative fuels to replace traditional fossil fuels.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

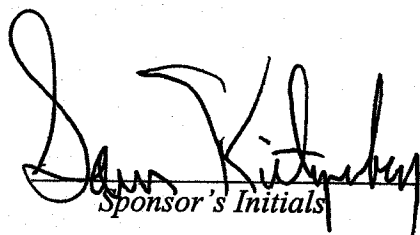
Assumptions:

- 1.00 FTE will be required for the board to: 1) educate the public about renewable alternative fuels by holding seminars and workshops around Montana, 2) promote economic development for Montana by using alternative fuels, 3) hold an annual conference and workshops on the progress, benefits and status of the production and use of ethanol and biofuels, 4) put together lessons plans for the Office of Public Instruction to be put into students' curriculum, and 5) coordinate and staff the board's activities.
- Estimated costs will be at the \$250,000 level for FY 2008 through FY 2011. Personal services costs include salary and benefits for the board staff and board member per diem. Operating expenses include board meeting costs, travel, conference and workshop costs, educational effort and lesson plan development costs.
- The alcohol tax incentive payments to ethanol producers will be reduced by the amount of funding provided to the ethanol education board up to \$250,000 a year. Starting in FY 2008, the amount of the incentive available to ethanol producers is \$5.75 million of the \$6 million.

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$54,266	\$54,266	\$55,623	\$57,013
Operating Expenses	<u>\$195,734</u>	<u>\$195,734</u>	<u>\$194,377</u>	<u>\$192,987</u>
TOTAL Expenditures	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
<u>Revenues:</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)

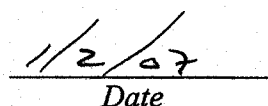
Technical Notes:

1. After June 30, 2011, there is no longer funding available for the board, but the board may still exist.
2. Starting in FY 2008, the amount of the incentive available to ethanol producers will be \$5.75 million. The individual cap for each ethanol producer is \$2 million. It is unclear how the \$5.75 million be distributed of there are three or more ethanol producers eligible to receive the incentive Will the individual cap be reduced proportionally?


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WITNESS STATEMENT

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MONTANA STATE SENATE
2007 LEGISLATURE

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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL HB185
DO YOU: SUPPORT ✓ OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

I own an electric car +

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**MONTANA STATE SENATE
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HIGHWAYS

DATE January 16, 2007

BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY SB-36; SB-122;
SB-185; SB-194

PLEASE PRINT **Ex Action
SB-36**

NAME	PHONE	REPRESENTING	BILL #	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Megan Brewer	417 766 3914	Montana Farm Bureau	122	✓	
Pat Torgerson	480-5154	WIFE	122	✓	
Tracy Newman	406-462-5583	WIFE	122		
Paul Gunderson	406-443-5532	Self	194	✓	
Adam Bunkel					
Stanley Ball	406-785-4731		122	✓	
Paul Beccraue	661-2870				
Ron Goppert	406-587-2821	Self	185	✓	
STEVE Titus	406-577-0141	SELF	185	✓	
Mike Allen	594-2013	Self	122		
Ken Paces	444-4623	LSD	36		
Thomas A. Gray	442-9555	11AAM			
Dean Roberts	4548	DOT/MRD	185	✓	
Brent Norder	444-2713	DOT/MVD	36	✓	

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